

### State of New Hampshire

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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March 22, 2004

His Excellency, Governor Craig R. Benson State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Benson:

Please find enclosed a final report that presents the findings of the Department of Health and Human Services' Canadian pharmacy investigations.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to assist you in this endeavor. The Department of Health and Human Services stands committed to continuing to assist you in your pursuit of affordable prescription drugs for the citizens of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

John A. Stephen Commissioner

### **Executive Summary Canadian Pharmacy Investigations**

The Department of Health and Human Services had previously identified CanadaDrugs.com in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a mail order pharmacy accredited by the Internet and Mail order Pharmacy Accreditation Commission (IMPAC™). Accreditation means the mail order pharmacy is in full compliance with 8 core standards and 91 required quality elements. The comprehensive standards encompass quality assurance, pharmacy management, confidentiality, consumer safety, customer satisfaction, health information technology, website content, shipping and handling, and customer call center functions.

To further ensure patient safety, CanadaDrugs.com meets or exceeds standards set by other pharmaceutical organizations such as MIPA (Manitoba International Pharmacists Association), CIPA (Canadian International Pharmacy Association), and NAPA (North American Pharmacy Accreditation). CanadaDrugs.com operates from a 24,000 square foot pharmacy and distribution center with over 200 staff, including 25 licensed pharmacists, and have filled over 600,000 prescriptions throughout North America since 2001. All products are licensed and approved by HPFB, the equivalent of the FDA in Canada.

This summary presents the findings of two additional investigations into the quality of services provided by CanadaDrugs.com: a site visit by two New Hampshire pharmacists, and a comparison study between similar products ordered from CanadaDrugs.com and New Hampshire pharmacies.

### Methods:

### Site visit

On February 25, 2004 a site visit to CanadaDrugs.com was conducted by two New Hampshire pharmacists: Mr. Merton Dyer, R.Ph., former NH State legislator, former independent pharmacy owner, and NH Department of Corrections employee; and Mr. Frank Lukosius, R.Ph., a chain drugstore employee and former owner of several independent pharmacies, and a home infusion company.

### Comparison Study

Prescriptions for six medications were submitted to CanadaDrugs.com via telephone, and to brick and mortar pharmacies in New Hampshire. One sample (Synthroid) was submitted to K-Tel Drug Mart in Canada. The filled prescriptions were then sent to the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy for physical examination of the packaging, labeling, and contents. This examination was conducted by Mr. Paul Boisseau, R.Ph., Executive Secretary for the NH Board of Pharmacy. The samples were then transferred to the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory, where they were analyzed for active material. When available, they were compared against a standard laboratory reference. The analysis was qualitative not quantitative (i.e., it determined the presence or absence of the drug, but could not measure the amount of active ingredient).

The prescriptions included: Lipitor (atorvostatin) 20 mg for high cholesterol, Neurontin 300 mg non-narcotic for pain, Glucophage (metformin) 850 mg for diabetes, Dilantin (phenytoin) 100 mg for seizures, Synthroid (levothyroxine) 50 mcg for low thyroid, Zoloft (sertraline) 50 mg for depression, Prevacid (lansoprazole) 30 mg for ulcer.

### **Documentary Materials:**

The enclosed notebook contains the Site Visit Report, and the Comparison Report. The Comparison Report is divided into Batch #1 and Batch #2. Each of these sections is then subdivided as follows: Photo Documentation, NH Board of Pharmacy Report, NH-DOS Evidence Examination Request and NH DHHS Chain of Custody Letter. A CD-ROM containing PowerPoint files of the photo documentation is also included for your use.

### Findings:

### Site visit

The two examiners concluded that CanadaDrugs.com provides a high quality of service, excellent clinical oversight, and a modern efficient operational process. CanadaDrugs.com offers a safe, cost-effective, confidential alternative for those wishing to purchase drugs through Canadian mail order. Quality brands and generics are being used, many by the same manufacturers shipping medications to the US. Safe medication practices were observed.

### Comparison Study

Physical examination: Physical inspection revealed that the Canadian and American samples were comparable, though not identical. The Canadian drugs were in original containers as sold by the manufacturer, whereas all but one of the American drugs was in traditional vials supplied by the dispensing pharmacy not the original manufacturer's container.

Patient labeling was comparable. Manufacturer labeling differed with respect to markings and inscriptions.

Laboratory analysis: The presence of active drug was detected in all samples tested. No significant differences between the American and Canadian samples were found. The samples containing Synthroid could not be analyzed with the methods available to the State Laboratory.

### Documentation Batch #1

Lipitor
Neurontin
Glucophage
Dilantin

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

57 Regional Drive Concord, NH 03301-8518



Date:

February 19, 2004

Time:

Approximately 12:42 p.m.

At:

Board of Pharmacy Office

57 Regional Drive

Concord, NH

Accepted From: Kevin EJ Connor, Manager

Office of Administration

Facilities and Security Operations

**Items:** 

Eight (8) prescription containers Identified as Sample A, A2, B,

B2, C, C2, D and D2

**Purpose:** 

Physical examination of all drug containers, labeling and

contents and a written record of observations to be performed by Paul G. Boisseau, R.Ph., Executive Secretary for the NH Board

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**Executive Secretary** Paul G. Boisseau

### Sample A (canadadrugs.com) Source: Canada

### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof foil seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

- 1. Manufacturer's label (what is visible and not covered by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy):
  - a) Name and strength of drug: Lipitor tablets 20 mgs.
  - b) Quantity: 90 tablets
  - c) Usual dosing information is in French
  - d) No lot number and/or expiration date is visible
  - e) Manufacturer identified: Pfizer Canada
- 2. Patient-specific label (affixed by the dispensing pharmacy to the original manufacturer's container and partially covers information on the product label):
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 2566771
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-12-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. R. Mann
  - e) Directions: One tablet once daily
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Lipitor 20 mg
  - g) Quantity: 90 TAB
  - h) Lot number/expiration date: No

### Sample A2 (CVS/pharmacy) Source: USA

### Container:

- See-through, amber plastic vial.
- Child-resistant cap (cover).
- Traditional prescription vial supplied by the dispensing pharmacy (not original manufacturer's container).
- No tamper-proof seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

1. Manufacturer's label: none.

- 2. Patient-specific label affixed to a container (vial), as described above, by the dispensing pharmacy:
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 692993
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-17-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. William Kassler
  - e) Directions: One tablet every day
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Lipitor 20 mg
  - g) Quantity: 30 tablets
  - h) Lot number/expiration date: No

- 3. Ancillary labels:
  - "Do not eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice while taking this medication"
  - "This is the last refill for this prescription please contact your physician"

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- White tablet, oval, film-coated
- Inscription(s) on tablet:
  - o "20"
  - o "PD 156"

Observer's Notes: Drug lot number and expiration date may be on part of the manufacturer's label that is obscured by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy.

New drug innovator = Parke Davis

### 3. Ancillary labels:

- "Avoid eating or drinking grapefruit products with this medication"
- "Do not use if pregnant or suspect you are pregnant or are breast feeding"
- "Don't wait. Call a day ahead"

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- White tablet, oval, film-coated
- Inscription(s) on tablet:
  - o "20"
  - o "PD 156"

### Observer's Notes:

New drug innovator = Parke Davis

### Sample \( \) anadadrugs.com) Source: Canada

### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof foil seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

- 1 Manufacturer's label (what is visible and not covered by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy):
  - a) Name and strength of drug: Neurontin capsules 300 mgs.
  - b) Quantity: 100 capsules
  - c) Usual dosing information is in French and English
  - d) Lot number: 302-24071 Expiration date: 04/2006
  - e) Manufacturer identified: Pfizer Canada:
- 2. Patient-specific label (affixed by the dispensing pharmacy to the original manufacturer's container and partially covers information on the product label):
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 2566780
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-12-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. R. Mann
  - e) Directions: One capsule 3 times a day
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Neurontin 300 mg (Gabapentin 300 mg)
  - g) Quantity: 100 capsules
  - h) Lot number/expiration date: No

### Sample B2 (Brooks Pharmacy) Source: USA

### Container:

- See-through, amber plastic vial.
- Child-resistant cap (cover).
- Traditional prescription vial supplied by the dispensing pharmacy (not original manufacturer's container).
- No tamper-proof seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

1 Manufacturer's label: none.

- 2. Patient-specific label affixed to a container (vial), as described above, by the dispensing pharmacy:
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 563288
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-17-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. William Kassler
  - e) Directions: One capsule 3 times a day
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Neurontin 300 mg
  - g) Quantity: 90 capsules
  - h) Lot number/expiration date: No

- 3. Ancillary labels:
  - None

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- Capsule (hard gelatin), yellow, blue print.
- Inscription(s) on capsule:
  - o "Neurontin" (over) "300 mg"
  - o "PD" logo at bottom of capsule

### Observer's Notes:

New drug innovator = Parke Davis

### 3. Ancillary labels:

- "Take or use this medicine exactly as directed.
   Do not skip doses or discontinue unless directed by your doctor"
- "This drug may impair the ability to drive or operate machinery. Use care until you become familiar with its effects"
- "Do not take antacids within 2 hours of taking this medicine"

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- Capsule (hard gelatin), yellow, blue print.
- Inscription(s) on capsule:
  - o "Neurontin" (over) "300 mg"
  - o "PD" logo at bottom of capsule

### Observer's Notes:

New drug innovator = Parke Davis

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### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof foil seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

Manufacturer's label (what is visible and not covered by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy):

- a) Name and strength of drug: Glucophage tablets 850 mg.
- b) Quantity: 100 tablets
- c) Usual dosing information is in French and English
- d) Lot number: 8017076 Expiration date: 2005-OC
- e) Manufacturer identified: Aventis Pharma
- 2. Patient-specific label (affixed by the dispensing pharmacy to the original manufacturer's container and partially covers information on the product label):
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 2566777
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-12-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. R. Mann
  - e) Directions: One tablet once daily
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Glucophage 850 mg (Metformin HCl 850 mg)
  - g) Quantity: 100 tablets
  - h) Lot number/expiration date: No

### Sample C2 (CVS/pharmacy) Source: USA

### Container:

- See-through, amber plastic vial.
- Child-resistant cap (cover).
- Traditional prescription vial supplied by the dispensing pharmacy (not original manufacturer's container).
- No tamper-proof seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

1. Manufacturer's label: none.

- 2. Patient-specific label affixed to a container (vial), as described above, by the dispensing pharmacy:
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 692991
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-17-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. William Kassler
  - e) Directions: One tablet every day
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Metformin HCl 850 mg tablets MYL
  - g) Quantity: 30 tablets
  - h) Lot number/expiration date: No

- 3. Ancillary labels:
  - "This is the last refill for this prescription please contact your physician"

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- Tablet, white, capsule-shaped, film-coated.
- Inscription(s) on tablet:
  - o "HMR"
  - o "850"

### Observer's Notes:

New drug innovator = Bristol-Myers Squibb

- 3. Ancillary labels:
  - "Do not drink alcoholic beverages when taking this medication"
  - "Take with food"
  - "If pregnant or or becoming so discuss use of drug with your doctor"
  - "Do not use while breast feeding. Consult your doctor or RPH"

### **Physical Examination of Contents:**

- Tablet, white, round, film-coated.
- Inscription(s) on tablet:
  - o "M"
  - o "240"

### Observer's Notes:

New drug innovator = Bristol-Myers Squibb

### Sample \ ... anadadrugs.com) Source: Canada

### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof foil seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

- 1 Manufacturer's label (what is visible and not covered by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy):
  - a) Name and strength of drug: Dilantin 100 mg. capsules
  - b) Quantity: 100 capsules
  - c) Usual dosing information is in English
  - d) Lot number: 38153 Expiration date: AL-06
  - e) Manufacturer identified: Pfizer Canada:
- 2. Patient-specific label (affixed by the dispensing pharmacy to the original manufacturer's container and partially covers information on the product label):
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 2566773
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-12-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. R. Mann
  - e) Directions: One capsule three times a day
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Dilantin 100 mg. (Phenytoin Sodium Extended)
  - g) Quantity: 100 capsules
  - h) Lot number/expiration date: No

### Sample D2 (Brooks Pharmacy) Source: USA

### Container:

- See-through, amber plastic vial.
- Child-resistant cap (cover).
- Traditional prescription vial supplied by the dispensing pharmacy (not original manufacturer's container).
- No tamper-proof seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

1. Manufacturer's label: none.

- 2. Patient-specific label affixed to a container (vial), as described above, by the dispensing pharmacy:
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 563287
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-17-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. William Kassler
  - e) Directions: One capsule three times a day
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Dilantin 100 mg capsules (Phenytoin Sodium Extended)
  - g) Quantity: 90 capsules
  - h) Lot number/expiration date: No

- 3. Ancillary labels:
  - None

### **Physical Examination of Contents:**

- Capsule (hard gelatin), two-tone (half orange / half white).
- Inscription(s) on capsule:
  - o "Parke Davis"
  - o "PD 100"

### Observer's Notes:

New drug innovator = Parke Davis

### 3. Ancillary labels:

- "Swallow whole. Do not chew or crush"
- "May cause drowsiness. Alcohol may intensify this effect. Use care when operating a car or dangerous machinery"

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- Capsule (hard gelatin), clear with orange band (midsection), black print.
- Inscription(s) on capsule:
  - o "Dilantin"
  - o "100 mg"

### Observer's Notes:

New drug innovator = Parke Davis

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### Department of Health & Human Services Office of the Commissioner 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

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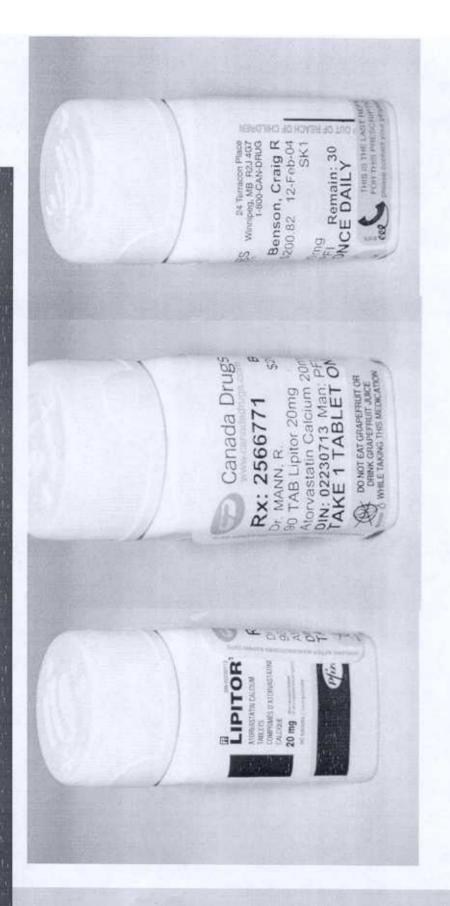
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## PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Photographic Documentation – Batch

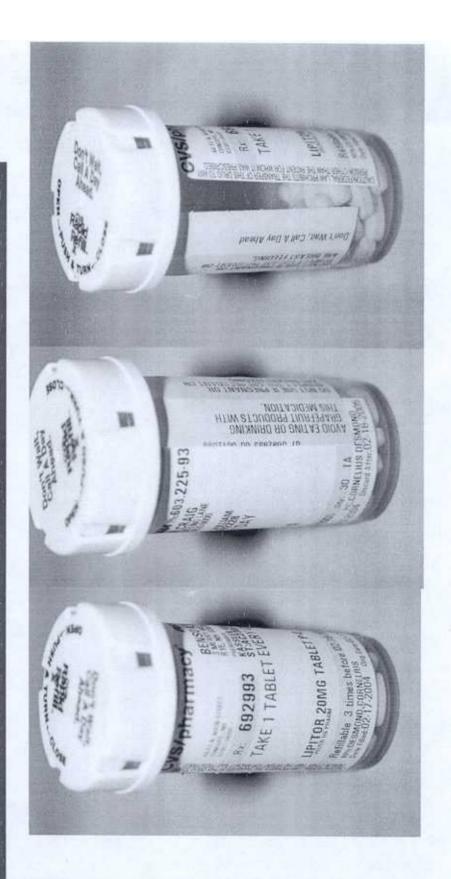
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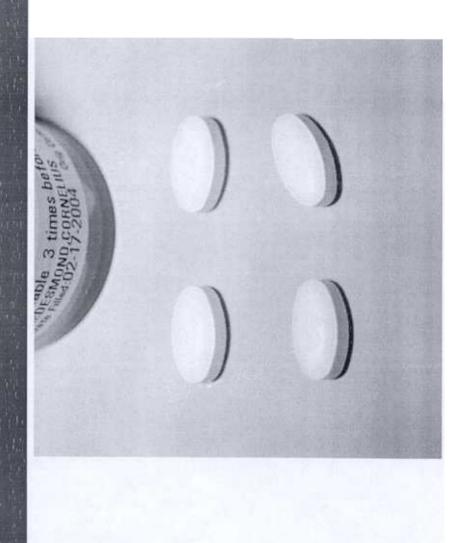
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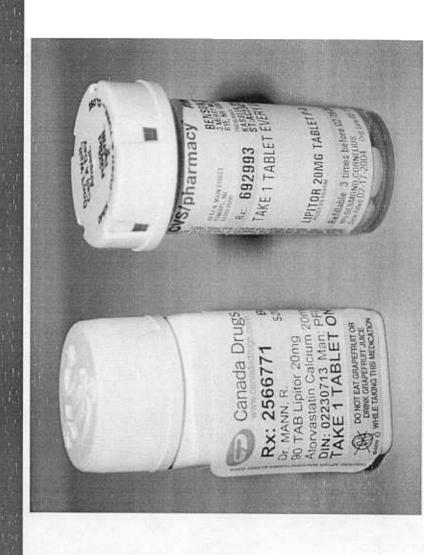
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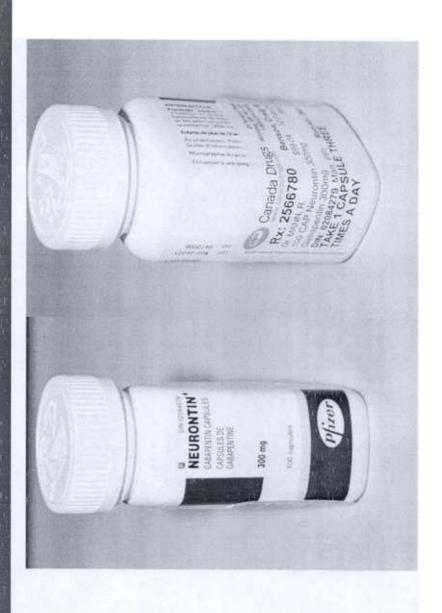
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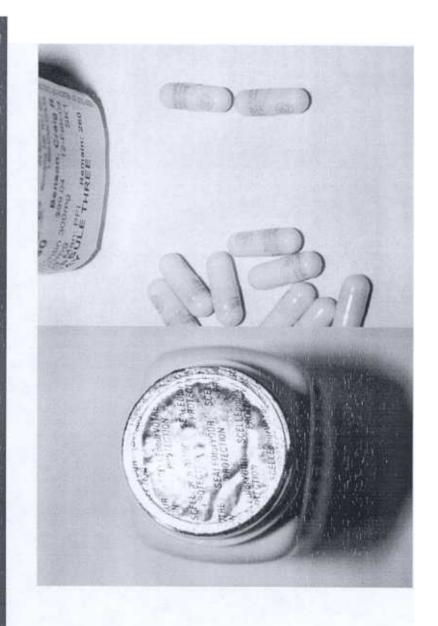
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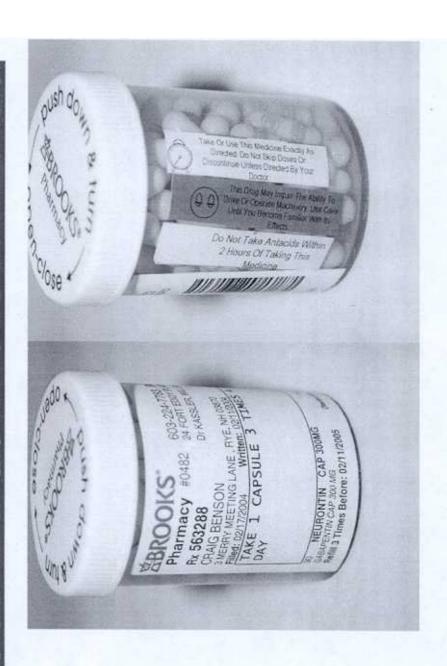
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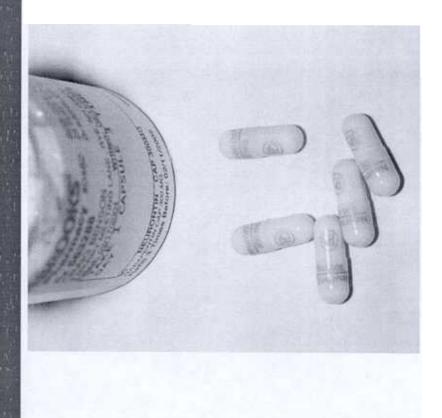
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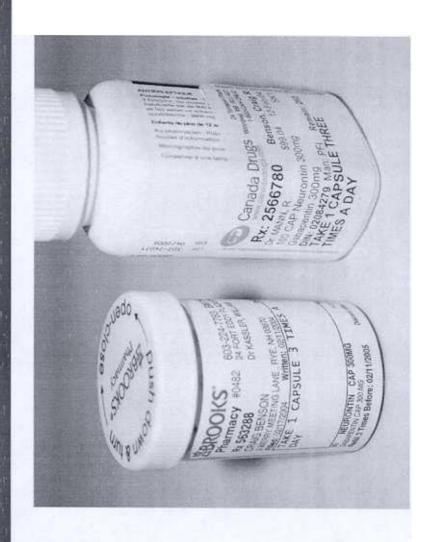
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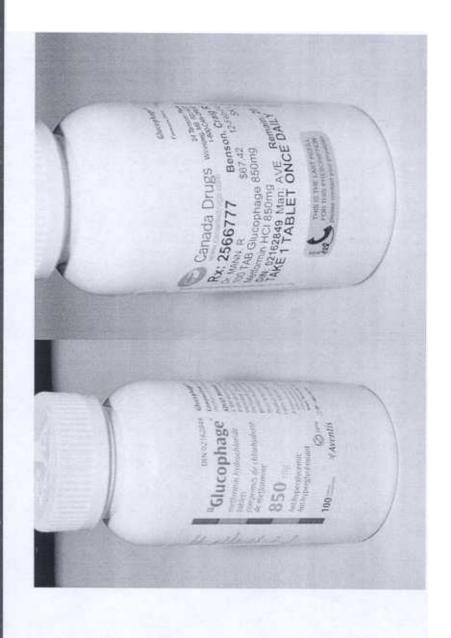
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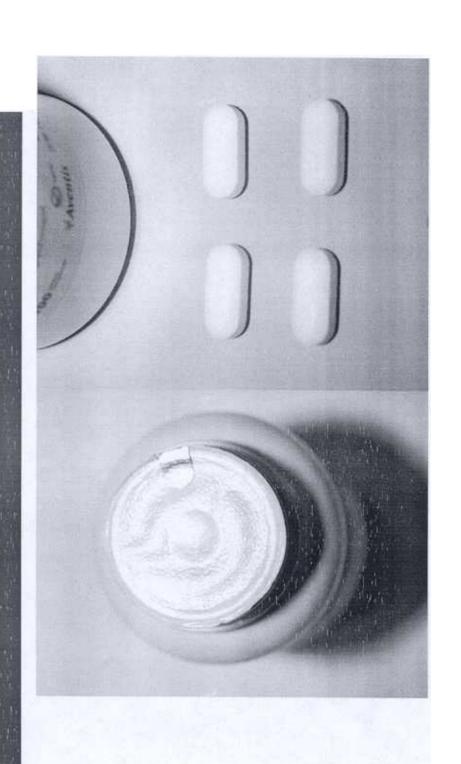
### Samples B & B2



# Sample C - Glucophage (Canadian)



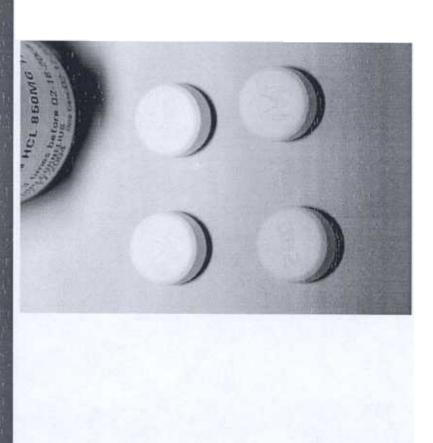
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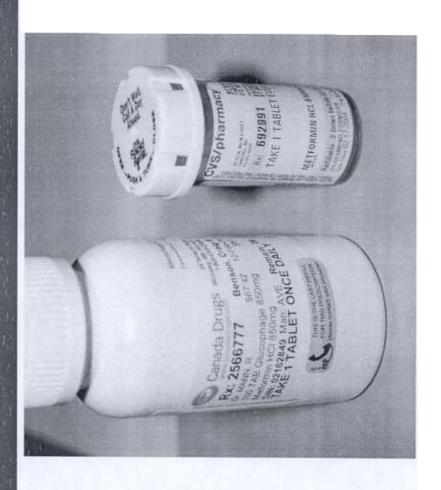
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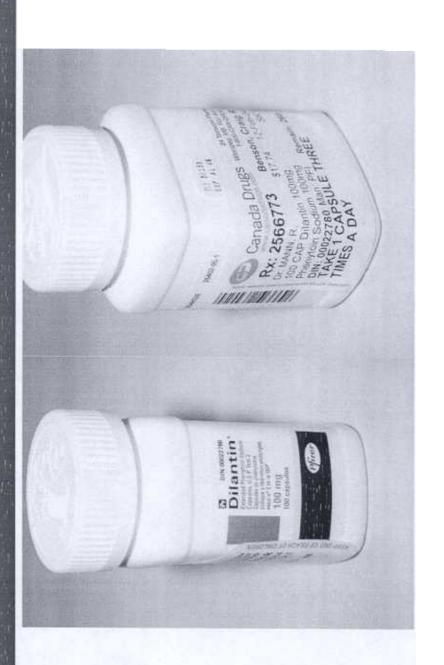
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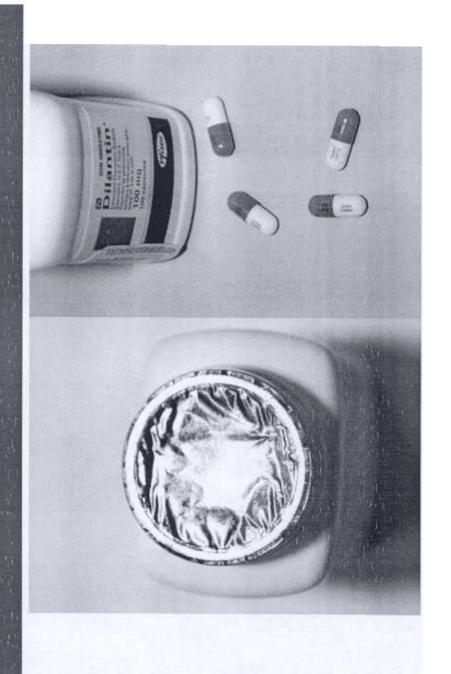
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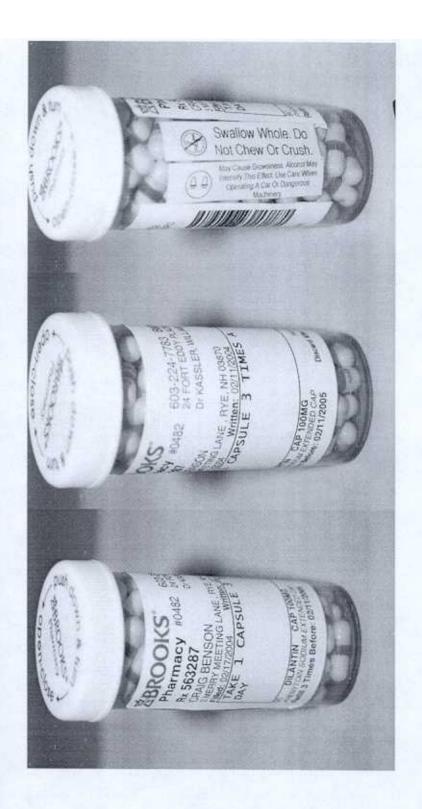
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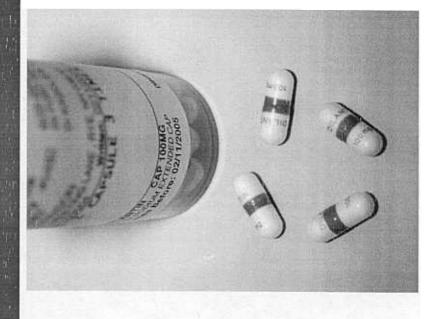
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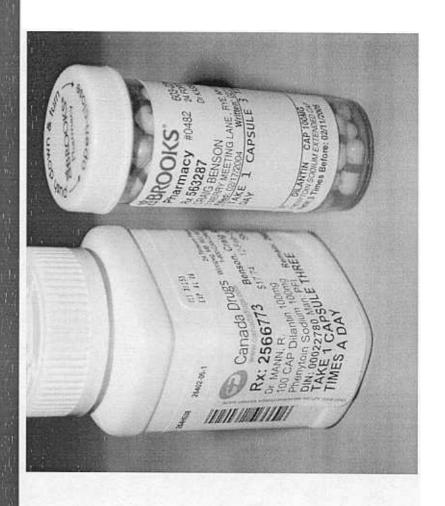
## Sample D2 - Dilantin (USA)



## Sample D2 - cont.



## Samples D & D2



### All Samples

### Documentation Batch #2

Synthroid Zoloft Prevacid

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

57 Regional Drive Concord, NH 03301-8518



Date:

March 3, 2004

Time:

Approximately 11:50 a.m.

At:

Board of Pharmacy Office

57 Regional Drive Concord, NH

**Accepted From:** 

Kevin EJ Connor, Manager

Office of Administration

Facilities and Security Operations

Items:

One (1) cardboard box containing three (3) prescription containers.

Return address on cardboard box reads:

K TEL INTERNATIONAL LTD

220 SAULTEAUX CRES o/a K-TEL DRUG MART WINNIPEG, MB R3J 3W3

CANADA

Inside the cardboard box only one (1) prescription container was labeled with a K-Tel Drug Mart, Ltd patient-specific dispensing label. The other two (2) prescription containers were labeled with Canada Drugs patient-specific dispensing labels. Unknown how the two (2) Canada Drugs dispensed prescriptions came to be in the K-Tel Drug Mart cardboard mailing box.

**Purpose:** 

Physical examination of all drug containers, labeling and contents and a written record of observations to be performed by Paul G. Boisseau, R.Ph., Executive Secretary for the NH Board

of Pharmacy

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### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF PHARMACY

57 Regional Drive Concord, N.H. 03301-8518



March 8, 2004

Time:

Approximately 12:45 p.m.

At:

Board of Pharmacy Office

57 Regional Drive Concord, NH

**Delivered To:** 

Leon Smith, Jr.

Office of Administration

Facilities and Security Operations

Items:

Sample E2 - Source: Licensed NH pharmacy

• Original manufacturer's stock container

• Labeled; Synthroid 50 mcg

• Contents: Four (4) tablets: White, round tablet, scored with markings "50" on one side and "Synthroid" on the other.

• Manufacturer: Abbott Laboratories

Lot number: 000344930AExpiration date: 12/04

Sample G2 – Source: Licensed NH pharmacy

• Original manufacturer's stock container

• Labeled: Prevacid 15 mg

• Contents: Four (4) capsules: Hard gelatin capsules (green and pink) with "TAP" logo and "Prevacid 15"

• Manufacturer: TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Lot number: 041822E21

• Expiration date: March 1, 2006

Purpose:

Provided as USA standards for comparative laboratory testing for "Synthroid 50 mcg" and "Prevacid 15 mg" submitted to DHHS on March

3, 2004.

I, Paul G. Boisseau, R.Ph., Executive Secretary for the Board of Pharmacy personally obtained each of these samples ("F2" and "G2") from a NH licensed pharmacy and attest to the source as legitimate and FDA-approved for distribution upon prescription.

Paul G. Boisseau R Ph

March 8, 2004

### Sample E (K-Tel Drug Mart Ltd.) Source: Canada

### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof foil seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

Manufacturer's label (what is visible and not covered by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy):

- a) Name and strength of drug: SYNTHROID tablets 50 mcg.
- b) Quantity: 100 tablets
- c) Usual dosing information is not visible
- d) Lot number (partially obscured ...0343994); expiration date: APR 05
- e) Manufacturer identified: Knoll
- 2. Patient-specific label (affixed by the dispensing pharmacy to the original manufacturer's container and partially covers information on the product label):
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 3054772 P941
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-13-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. J. Olin

### Sample E2 (Licensed NH Pharmacy) Source: USA

### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof seal under cap (closure)

### Labeling/Contents:

- Original manufacturer's stock container.
- Labeled: Synthroid 50 mcg
- Contents: Four (4) tablets: White, round tablet, scored with markings "50" on one side and "Synthroid" on the other.
- Manufacturer: Abbott Laboratories
- Lot number: 000344930A
- Expiration date: 12/04

Observer's Notes: This sample was obtained by me (Paul G. Boisseau, R.Ph.) to serve as the reference standard for laboratory analysis and comparison to the Canadian product.

- e) Directions: Take 1 tablet one time daily
- f) Name and strength of drug: SYNTHROID 50 mcg / levothyroxine 50 mcg
- g) Quantity: 100
- h) Lot number/expiration date: No
- i) DIN: 0217-2070

### 3. Ancillary labels:

- "Keep out of reach of children."
- "It is very important that you take or use this exactly as directed. Do not skip doses or discontinue unless directed by your doctor."
- "Take medication on an empty stomach 1 hour before or 2 to 3 hours after a meal unless otherwise directed by your doctor."
- "Obtain medical advice before taking nonprescription drugs. Some may affect the action of this medication.

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- White tablet, round, scored
- Inscription(s) on tablet:
  - o "50"
  - o "FLINT"

Observer's Notes: New drug innovator = FLINT

### Sample F (canadadrugs.com) Source: Canada

### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof compressed foam seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

- 1. Manufacturer's label (what is visible and not covered by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy):
  - a) Name and strength of drug: Zoloft capsules 50 mg.
  - b) Quantity: 100 capsules
  - c) Usual dosing information is in French
  - d) No lot number and/or expiration date is visible
  - e) Manufacturer identified: Pfizer Canada
- 2. Patient-specific label (affixed by the dispensing pharmacy to the original manufacturer's container and partially covers information on the product label):
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 2572701
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-17-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. R. Mann
  - e) Directions: One capsule once daily
  - f) Name and strength of drug: Zoloft 50 mg/ Sertraline HCl 50 mg

### Sample F2:

Observer's Notes: No USA reference standard was requested /obtained for this Canadian product.

g) Quantity: 100 CAP

h) Lot number/expiration date: No

i) DIN: 01962817

- 3. Ancillary labels:
  - None

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- Capsule (hard-gelatin), two-tone (half yellow / half white)
- Inscription(s) on capsule:
  - o "Pfizer"
  - o "Zoloft 50 mg"

Observer's Notes: Drug lot number and expiration date may be on part of the manufacturer's label that is obscured by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy.

New drug innovator = Roerig

### Sample G (canadadrugs.com) Source: Canada

### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof foil seal under cap (closure).

### Labeling:

- 1. Manufacturer's label (what is visible and not covered by the patient-specific label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy):
  - a) Name and strength of drug: PREVACID capsules 30 mg.
  - b) Quantity: 100 capsules
  - c) Usual dosing information is in French & English
  - d) Lot number and/or expiration date is visible
    - Exp: SE12006
    - Lot #: 087222E22
  - e) Manufacturer identified: Abbott Laboratories, Limited
- 2. Patient-specific label (affixed by the dispensing pharmacy to the original manufacturer's container and partially covers information on the product label):
  - a) Prescription number: Rx 2572700
  - b) Patient's name: Yes
  - c) Date Dispensed: 02-17-2004
  - d) Prescriber: Dr. R. Mann

### Sample G2 (Licensed NH Pharmacy) Source: USA

### Container:

- Opaque, white plastic body bottle.
- Child-resistant cap (closure).
- Original container as sold by the manufacturer.
- Tamper-proof seal under cap (closure)

### Labeling/Contents:

- Original manufacturer's stock container.
- Labeled: Prevacid 15 mg
- Contents: Four (4) capsules: Hard gelatin capsules (green and pink) with "TAP" logo and "Prevacid 15"
- Manufacturer: TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Lot number: 041822E21
- Expiration date: March 1, 2006

Observer's Notes: This sample was obtained by me (Paul G. Boisseau, R.Ph.) to serve as the reference standard for laboratory analysis and comparison to the Canadian product.

- e) Directions: Take 1 capsule once daily
- f) Name and strength of drug: Prevacid 30 mg / Lansoprazole 30 mg
- g) Quantity: 100 CAP
- h) Lot number/expiration date: No
- i) DIN: 02165511

### Ancillary labels:

• "Do not chew or crush. Swallow whole."

### Physical Examination of Contents:

- Capsule (hard-gelatin), two-tone (half pink / half black)
- Inscription(s) on capsule:
  - o "TAP" logo
  - o "PREVACID 30"

Observer's Notes: New drug innovator = TAP Pharmaceuticals

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

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Office: Office of the Governor
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Signature: 7/1/1. Storage Location: Transport to DOS – Forensis Lab

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Name: Linda Bouchard Office: DOS-Forensic Lab

Date/Time: 3/4/04 / 0900

Signature:

Storage Location: Hazen Drive, Copcord, NH

### Department of Health & Human Services Office of the Commissioner 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

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Office: DHHS/OA/F&SO

Date/Time: 3/8/04 / 1:22 P.M.

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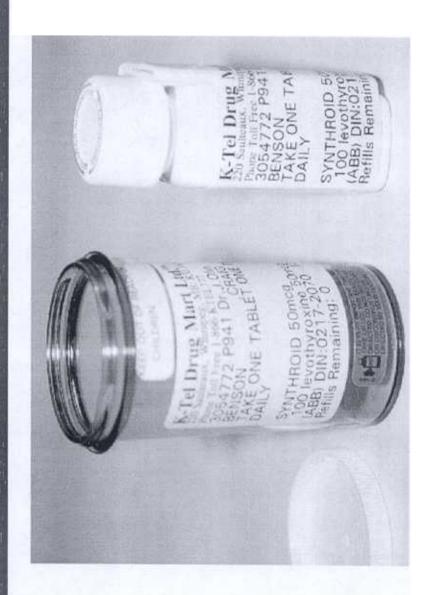
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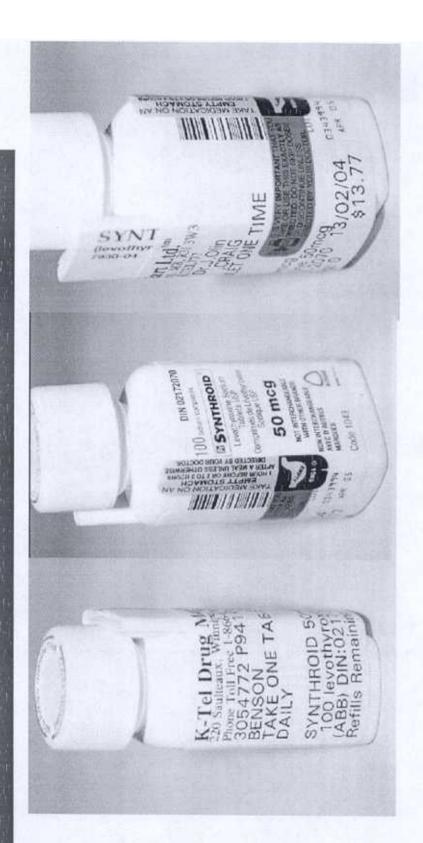
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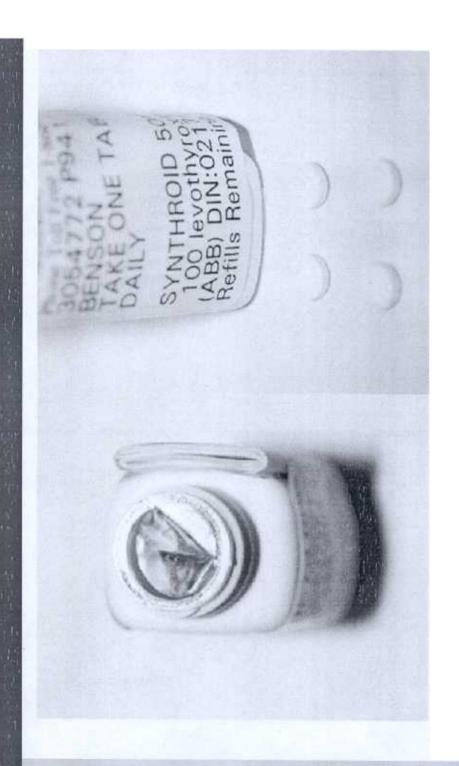
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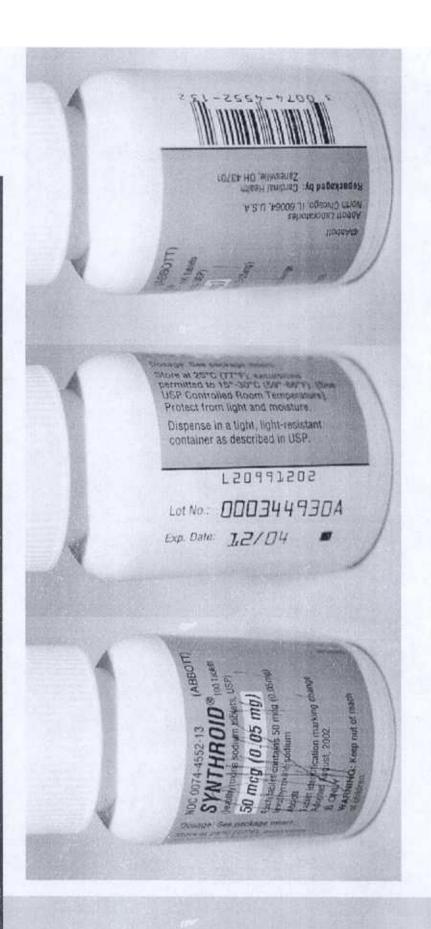
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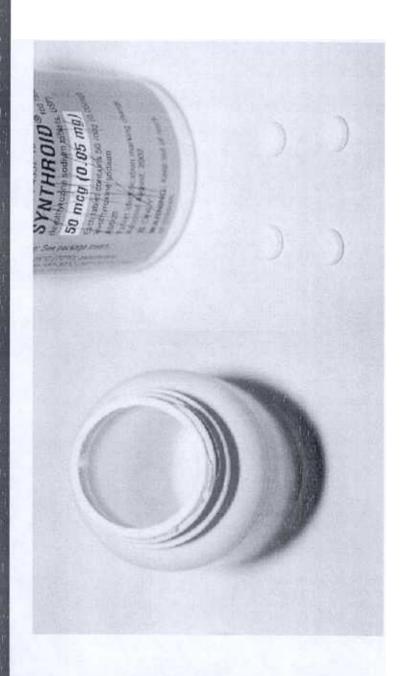
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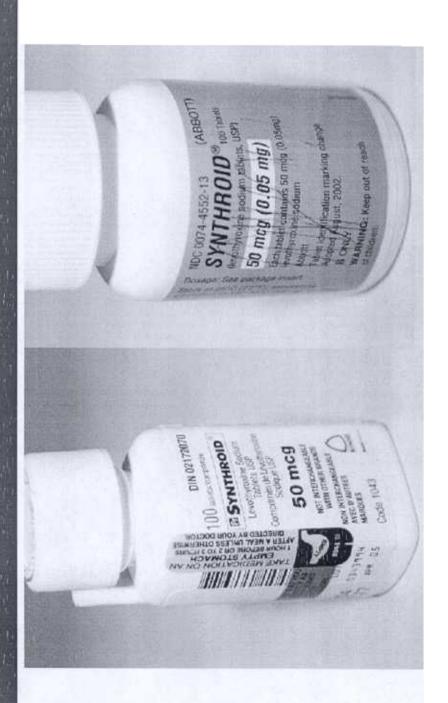
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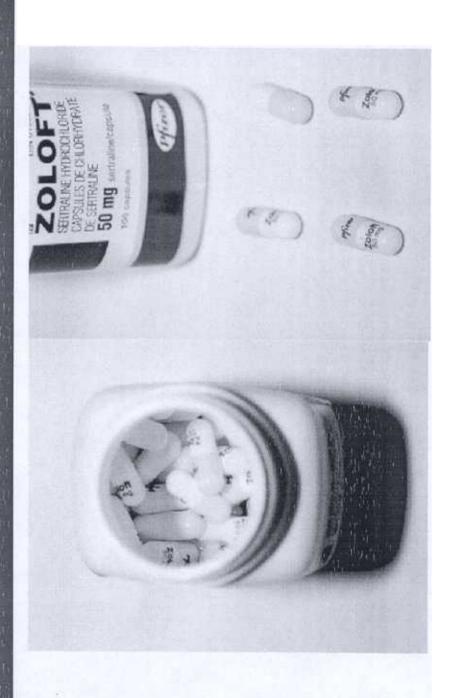


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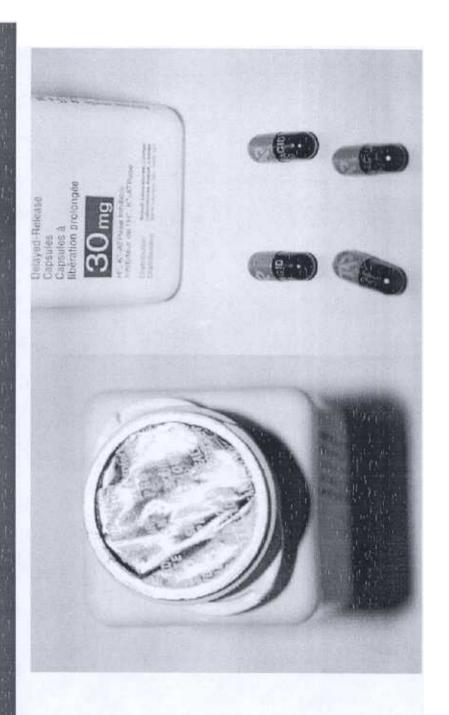
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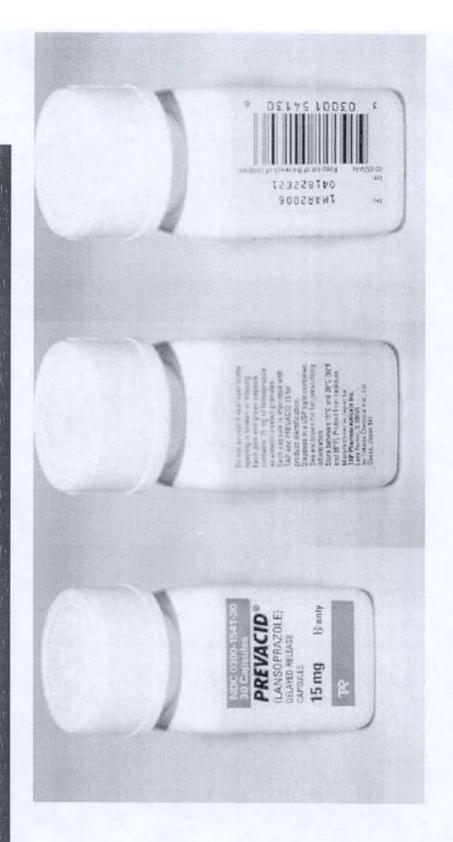
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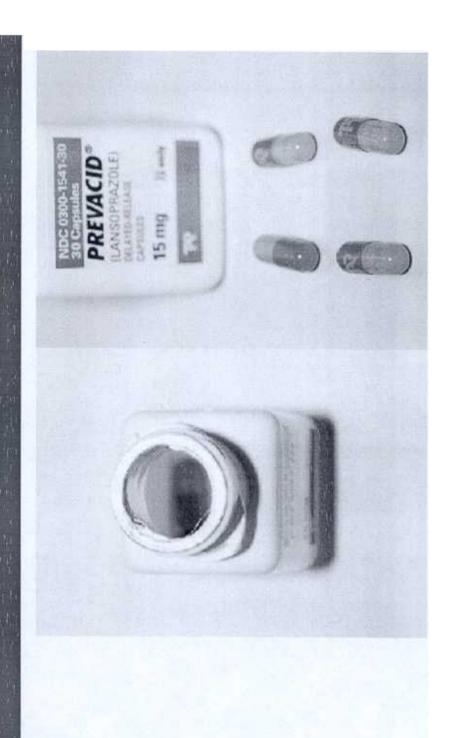
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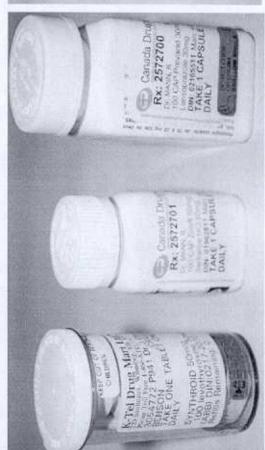


## Samples G & G2



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### Canadian Drug Patient Information & Interaction materials

Winnipeg, MB R2J 4G7 1-800-CAN-DRUG

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OFFICIAL PRESCRIPTION RECEIPT

Rx: 2566780 SK1 Thu 12-Feb-04

Benson, Craig R 3 Merrymeeting Lane

Rye, NH 100 CAP Neurontin 300mg

Gabapentin 300mg

DIN: 02084279 Man: PFI

Dr. MANN, R. Total: 99.04

**Third Party** 

Refills: 2.6 pks Doc# 01:58082

(603) 766-6250

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Patient Pays: 99.04 USD

**Patient Counseling Messages** 

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Important to try not to skip doses Do not use more or less often than doctor said Do not stop medicine without calling doctor May make you sleepy; Use caution driving See your physician regularly

Skip missed dose if almost time for next dose

May take with or without food

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Canada Drugs, 24 Terracon Place, Winnipeg MB, R2J 4G7 Phone: 1-800-CAN-DRUG Fax: 1-877-525-8539

# Benson, Craig R / Dilantin 100mg

randName:DILANTIN DIN:00 22780

# PHENYTOIN - ORAL

(fen-eh-TOE-in, FEN-eh-toyn)

This medication is used to treat seizures and epilepsy.

Take with food or milk if stomach upset occurs. Take this medication with a full glass (8 oz/240 ml) of water, unless directed otherwise.

Do not lie down for 30 minutes after taking this.

Capsules should be swallowed whole unless otherwise directed.

Chewable tablets must be chewed thoroughly before swallowing.

The suspension must be shaken well before measuring each dose.

This medication must be taken as prescribed. Do not stop taking this drug suddenly without consulting your doctor as seizures may occur. It is important to take all doses on time to keep the level of medication in your blood constant. Do this by taking doses at the same time(s) each day. Do not skip doses.

# SIDE EFFECTS

Constipation, dizziness and drowsiness may occur. If these effects continue or worsen, inform your doctor.

Unlikely but report: blurred vision, unsteadiness, nausea, mood changes or confusion, slurred speech, rash, insomnia, headache. Very unlikely but report: vomiting, stomach pain, uncoordinated movements, tingling in hands or feet, fever, yellowing of the eyes or skin, swollen glands, sore throat, unusual bleeding or bruising.

May cause enlargement of the gums. This can be minimized by maintaining good oral hygiene with regular brushing, flossing and

In the unlikely event you have an allergic reaction to this drug, seek immediate medical attention. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: rash, itching, swelling, dizziness, trouble breathing.

If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor your medical history, especially of: blood disorders (e.g., porphyria), allergies (especially drug allergies), liver disease.

Use caution operating machinery or performing tasks requiring alertness if this medication makes you dizzy or drowsy.

Limit alcohol use as it may increase the drowsiness effect of this medication.

Limit your caffeine usage.

Phenytoin is not recommended for use during pregnancy. Consult your doctor before taking this drug.

This drug is excreted into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

Inform your doctor of all the medicines you may use (both prescription and nonprescription), especially of: warfarin, cimetidine, omeprazole, sucralfate, disulfiram, oral antifungal medication (azoles), xanthine drugs (e.g., theophylline), isoniazid, folic acid, pyrimethamine, sulfa antibiotics, birth control pills, rifampin, trimethoprim, amiodarone, fluoxetine, anticancer drugs, valproic acid or divalproex, estrogens, disopyramide, levodopa, felodipine, primidone, felbamate, digoxin, metyrapone, dopamine, St John's wort, chloramphenicol, phenylbutazone, quinidine, doxycycline, diazoxide, cyclosporine, corticosteroids (e.g., prednisone, hydrocortisone), narcotic pain medicines (e.g., codeine), capecitabine.

Phenytoin may interfere with the effectiveness of birth control pills. Discuss using other methods of birth control with your doctor.

Do not start or stop any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval.

If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately. Symptoms of overdose may include unusual eye movements, unsteadiness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, tremor, slurred speech, drowsiness, and loss of consciousness.

Do not change from one brand of this product to another without consulting your doctor or pharmacist. Products made by different companies may not be equally effective.

Lab tests may be done to monitor your progress.

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Continued Monograph For 00022780 (Dilantin)

#### MISSED DOSE

If you miss a dose and take 1 dose daily: take as soon as remembered unless you do not remember until the next day. In that case, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule the following day. If you take several doses daily and should miss a dose: take as soon as remembered unless it is within 4 hours of the next dose. In that case, skip the missed dose and resume your usual schedule. Check with your doctor if you miss doses for more than 2 days in a row. Do not double the dose to catch up.

## **STORAGE**

Store at room temperature away from moisture and sunlight. Do not store in the bathroom.

Canada Drugs, 24 Terracon Place, Winnipeg MB, R2J 4G7 Phone: 1-800-CAN-DRUG Fax: 1-877-525-8539

#### Benson, Craig R / Lipitor 20mg

# BrandName:LIPITOR DIN:02230713 ATORVASTATIN - ORAL

(uh-TORE-vuh-stah-tin)

#### USES

This medication is an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor (also known as a "statin") used along with a proper diet to help lower cholesterol and fats (triglycerides) in the blood. Reducing cholesterol and triglycerides helps prevent strokes and heart attacks.

#### **HOW TO USE**

Take this medication by mouth usually once daily with or without food; or as directed by your doctor.

Dosage is based on your medical condition, response to therapy, and use of certain interacting medicines. Consult your doctor or pharmacist for more details, since many of the drugs listed in the Drug Interactions section might increase the chances of muscle injury when used with this drug.

If you take either cholestyramine or colestipol, take atorvastatin at least 2 hours after these medications.

It may take up to 2 weeks before the full benefit of this drug takes effect.

It is important to continue taking this medication even if you feel well. Most people with high cholesterol or triglycerides do not feel sick.

#### SIDE EFFECTS

Headache, dizziness, nausea, diarrhea, constipation, gas, or stomach upset/pain may occur. If any of these effects persist or worsen, notify your doctor promptly.

This drug may infrequently cause muscle damage (which can rarely lead to a very serious condition called rhabdomyolysis). Stop taking this drug and tell your doctor immediately if you develop: muscle pain/tenderness/weakness (especially with fever or unusual tiredness). Tell your doctor immediately if any of these unlikely but serious side effects occur: joint pain, chest pain, swelling in the arms or legs. Tell your doctor immediately if any of these highly unlikely but very serious side effects occur: yellowing eyes and skin, dark urine, change in the amount of urine, black stool, severe stomach pain.

An allergic reaction to this drug is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: rash, itching, swelling, severe dizziness, trouble breathing.

If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

This medication should not be used if you have certain medical conditions, Before using this medicine, consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have: active liver disease.

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: heart disease, history of liver disease, kidney disease, thyroid problems, uncontrolled seizures, recent major surgery, recent trauma, alcohol use, any allergies (especially to other "statin" or cholesterol-lowering drugs).

This drug may make you dizzy; use caution engaging in activities requiring alertness such as driving or using machinery.

Daily use of alcohol may increase your chance for serious side effects. Limit alcoholic beverages.

Caution is advised when using this drug in the elderly because they may be more sensitive to the side effects of the drug. This medication must not be used during pregnancy. If you become pregnant or think you may be pregnant, inform your doctor immediately. It is recommended that women of child-bearing age use effective birth control measures while taking this drug since atorvastatin may cause fetal harm.

This drug passes into breast milk and may have undesirable effects on a nursing infant. Breast-feeding is not recommended while using this drug.

#### **DRUG INTERACTIONS**

This drug should not be used with the following medications because very serious, possibly fatal, interactions may occur: mibefradil, azole antifungals (e.g., itraconazole, ketoconazole), telithromycin.

If you are currently using any of these medications, tell your doctor or pharmacist before starting atorvastatin.

Use caution if the following drugs are combined with atorvastatin because serious side effects such as muscle injury (myopathy)

infrequently could occur: fibrates (e.g., gemfibrozil, fenofibrate), high-dose niacin (1 gram or more per day).

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription products you may use, especially of: cyclosporine, macrolide antibiotics (e.g., clarithromycin, erythromycin, troleandomycin), antacids, digoxin, cholestyramine, colestipol, birth control pills, nefazodone, protease inhibitors (e.g., indinavir, ritonavir), rifamycins (e.g., rifampin), spironolactone, cimetidine, drugs which decrease liver metabolism (inhibitors of cytochrome 3A4 enzymes).

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# Continued Monograph For 02230713 (Lipitor)

Do not eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice while using this medication unless your doctor instructs you otherwise. Do not start or stop any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval.

#### **OVERDOSE**

If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

#### NOTES

Do not share this medication with others.

Laboratory and/or medical tests (e.g., liver function tests, blood cholesterol levels) may be performed to monitor your progress. For best results, this medication should be used along with exercise, a low-cholesterol/low-fat diet, and a weight loss program if you are overweight. Consult your doctor.

#### MISSED DOSE

If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

#### **STORAGE**

Store at room temperature between 68 and 77 degrees F (20 to 25 degrees C) away from light and moisture. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medicines away from children and pets.

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#### Benson, Craig R / Neurontin 300mg

# BrandName:NEURONTIN DIN:02084279 GABAPENTIN - ORAL

(gab-uh-PEN-tin)

#### LISES

This medication is taken with other medications to help control seizure disorders. Gabapentin is also used to decrease nerve pain associated with herpes zoster infection.

#### OTHER USES

Gabapentin may also be used to treat pain due to abnormal nerve stimulation (neuropathic pain).

#### HOW TO USE

Take this medication by mouth exactly as prescribed. During the first few days your doctor may gradually increase your dose to allow your body to adjust to the medication. To minimize side effects, take the very first dose at bedtime. For best effects, take this medication at evenly spaced times throughout the day and night. This will ensure a constant level of drug in your body. Do not take this more often or increase your dose without consulting your doctor. Your condition will not improve any faster but the risk of serious side effects may be increased. Do not stop taking this drug suddenly since seizures may reoccur. Your dose should be gradually reduced over time.

#### SIDE EFFECTS

This drug is usually well tolerated. Drowsiness, dizziness, unsteadiness, fatigue or nausea may occur. If these effects persist or worsen, notify your doctor.

Unlikely to occur but report promptly: mental or mood changes, tingling or numbness of the hands or feet, swelling of ankles, vision problems, fever, unusual bleeding.

Very unlikely to occur but report promptly: fainting, difficulty moving, stiffness, uncontrolled movements, stomach or abdominal pain, leg pain, chest pain, trouble breathing.

If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

Tell your doctor your medical history, especially of: kidney disease, drug allergies.

Use caution operating machinery or engaging in activities that require alertness. Limit alcohol intake as it may intensify the dizziness/drowsiness effect of this drug.

This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor.

Gabapentin passes into breast milk. Because the effects of this drug on the nursing infant are not known, consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

#### DRUG INTERACTIONS

Tell your doctor of any over-the-counter or prescription medication you use, especially of: other medication for seizures, antacids.

Because antacids may interfere with the absorption of this medication, it is best to take gabapentin at least 2 hours after taking an antacid. Do not take them at the same time.

Do not start or stop any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval.

#### **OVERDOSE**

If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

#### NOTES

Laboratory tests may be done periodically while taking this medication to monitor the effects. See your doctor regularly.

#### MISSED DOSE

Try to take each dose at the scheduled time. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as remembered; do not take it if it is near the time for the next dose, instead, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not "double-up" the dose to catch up.

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Continued Monograph For 02084279 (Neurontin)

## **STORAGE**

Store this medication at room temperature between 59 and 86 degrees F (between 15 and 30 degrees C) away from heat and light Do not store in the bathroom. Keep this and all medications out of the reach of children. The oral solution form of this drug must be refrigerated between 36-46 degrees F (2-8 degrees C).

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#### Benson, Craig R / Glucophage 850mg

## BrandName:GLUCOPHAGE DIN:02162849 METFORMIN - ORAL

(met-FOR-min)

#### WARNING

Metformin can rarely cause a condition called lactic acidosis, which can be fatal. Seek immediate medication attention if you develop any of the following symptoms of lactic acidosis: unusual tiredness (fatigue) or severe drowsiness, cold skin, muscle pain, breathing trouble or rapid breathing, unusually slow or irregular heartbeat.

Lactic acidosis is more likely to occur in patients who have: heart failure, kidney or liver problems, excessive alcohol use, a lack of body fluids (dehydration), x-ray or scanning procedures that require an injectable iodinated contrast drug, surgery, a serious infection, heart attack or stroke. Also at higher risk are those who are elderly, especially if you are over 80 years of age and have not had kidney and liver tests.

#### USES

This medication is a biguanide-type medicine that is used along with a diet and exercise program to control high blood sugar in diabetic patients. This medication works by helping to restore your body's proper response to the insulin you naturally produce, and by decreasing the amount of sugar that your liver makes and that your stomach/intestines absorb. Controlling high blood sugar helps prevent heart disease, strokes, kidney disease, blindness and circulation problems, as well as sexual function problems (impotence).

#### HOW TO USE

This medication is best taken by mouth with meals. Drink plenty of fluids while taking this medication. Use this medication regularly in order to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, use it at the same time(s) each day. Your dosage is based on your medical condition and response to therapy. This medication may come with a Patient Information Leaflet. Read it carefully and ask your doctor or pharmacist any questions you may have about your medication.

#### SIDE EFFECTS

Also see Warning section.

Nausea, stomach upset, diarrhea or metallic taste may occur initially as your body adjusts to the medication. If stomach symptoms recur later (after you are on the same dose for several days or weeks), tell your doctor immediately. A late recurrence of stomach symptoms may be due to lactic acidosis.

This medication usually does not cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), but this effect may occur if you do not consume enough calories (from food, juices, fruit, etc.). The symptoms include chills, cold sweat, dizziness, drowsiness, shaking, rapid heartbeat, weakness, headache, fainting, tingling of the hands or feet, or hunger. It is a good habit to carry glucose tablets or gel to treat low blood sugar. If you are in a situation where you don't have these reliable forms of glucose, eat a quick source of sugar such as table sugar, honey, or candy, or drink a glass of orange juice or non-diet soda to quickly raise your blood sugar level. Tell your doctor immediately about the reaction. To help prevent hypoglycemia, eat meals on a regular schedule and do not skip meals.

Symptoms of high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) include thirst, increased urination, confusion, drowsiness, flushing, rapid breathing, or fruity breath odor. If these symptoms occur, tell your doctor immediately. Your medication dosage may need to be increased.

An allergic reaction to this drug is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: rash, itching, swelling, dizziness, trouble breathing.

If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

This medication should not be used if you have certain medical conditions. Before using this medicine, consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have: kidney disease, liver disease, congestive heart failure, metabolic acidosis (e.g., diabetic ketoacidosis), recent heart attack, recent stroke, serious infection, dehydration.

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: blood problems (e.g., anemia, vitamin B-12 deficiency), scheduled upcoming surgery, scheduled upcoming x-ray or scanning procedures, alcohol use, any allergies. Limit alcohol while using this medication.

During times of stress, such as fever, infection, injury or surgery, it may be more difficult to control your blood sugar. Consult your doctor, as a change in your medication may be required.

This medication can cause changes in the menstrual cycle (promote ovulation) in women with certain fertility problems, increasing the risk of becoming pregnant. Consult your doctor or pharmacist about the use of reliable birth control while using this medication. Caution is advised when using this drug in the elderly because they may be more sensitive to the effects of the drug.

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#### Continued Monograph For 02162849 (Glucophage)

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This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. It is not known whether this drug passes into breast milk. Breast-feeding is not recommended while using this drug.

#### **DRUG INTERACTIONS**

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription products you may use, especially of: other diabetes drugs (e.g., glyburide, insulin), "water pills" (diuretics such as hydrochlorothiazide, furosemide), cimetidine, birth control pills, estrogens, corticosteroids (e.g., prednisone), niacin, phenytoin, decongestants, high blood pressure drugs (beta-blockers such as propranolol, calcium channel blockers such as nifedipine, ACE inhibitors such as captopril), phenothiazines (e.g., chlorpromazine), isoniazid, thyroid drugs, clomiphene, fenugreek, ginseng.

If you are scheduled to undergo any x-ray or scanning procedure using injectable iodinated contrast material, be sure to inform your doctor that you are taking this medication. You will need to temporarily stop this medication around the time of your procedure. Consult your doctor for further instructions.

Do not start or stop any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval.

#### **OVERDOSE**

If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately. Symptoms of overdose may include: rapid or trouble breathing, severe drowsiness, slow or irregular heartbeat.

#### **NOTES**

Do not share this medication with others.

It is recommended you attend a diabetes education program to understand diabetes and all the important aspects of its treatment including meals/diet, exercise, personal hygiene, medications and getting regular eye, foot, and medical exams. Consult your doctor or pharmacist. Keep all medical appointments. Laboratory and/or medical tests (e.g., liver and kidney function tests, fasting blood glucose, hemoglobin A1c, complete blood counts) will be performed to monitor for side effects and response to therapy. Regularly check your blood or urine for sugar, as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

#### MISSED DOSE

If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

#### **STORAGE**

Store the U.S. product between 68 to 77 degrees F (20 to 25 degrees C) away from light and moisture. Brief storage from 59 to 86 degrees F (15 to 30 degrees C) is permitted. Do not store in the bathroom. Store the Canadian product between 59 to 86 degrees F (15 to 30 degrees C). Keep all medicines away from children and pets.

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Lansoprazole 30mg

DIN: 02165511 Man: ABB Dr. MANN, R. Total: 240.72

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100 CAP Zoloft 50mg Sertraline HCI 50mg

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# **Patient Counseling Messages**

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#### Benson, Craig R / Zoloft 50mg

BrandName:ZOLOFT DIN:01962817

**SERTRALINE - ORAL** 

(SER-truh-leen)

#### USES

Sertraline is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) used to treat depression, panic attacks, obsessive compulsive disorders (OCD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), social anxiety disorder (social phobia), and a severe form of premenstrual syndrome (premenstrual dysphoric disorder - PMDD).

This medication works by helping to restore the balance of certain natural chemicals in the brain.

#### OTHER HERS

This medication has also been used to treat a sexual function problem in men (premature ejaculation).

#### **HOW TO USE**

Take this medication by mouth usually once daily with or without food; or as directed by your doctor. It is recommended that you take your dosage at the same time each day, either in the morning or in the evening.

Use this medication regularly in order to get the most benefit from it. The dosage is based on your medical condition and response to therapy.

It is important to continue taking this medication as prescribed even if you feel well. Also, do not stop taking this medication without consulting your doctor.

It may take up to 4 weeks before the full benefit of this drug takes effect.

#### SIDE EFFECTS

Nausea, dry mouth, increased sweating, drowsiness, diarrhea, upset stomach, or trouble sleeping may occur. If any of these effects persist or worsen, notify your doctor or pharmacist promptly.

Tell your doctor immediately if any of these serious side effects occur: uncontrollable shaking (tremor), loss of appetite, unusual weight loss.

Tell your doctor immediately if any of these unlikely but serious side effects occur: decreased interest in sex, decrease in sexual ability (ejaculation delay).

Tell your doctor immediately if any of these highly unlikely but very serious side effects occur: unusual or rapid weight gain, unusual or severe mental/mood changes, seizures.

Males - in the unlikely event you experience a painful or prolonged erection, seek immediate medical attention as this isconsidered a medical emergency.

An allergic reaction to this drug is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: rash, itching, swelling, dizziness, trouble breathing.

If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: liver disease, seizures, heart disease, thyroid disease (e.g., hypothyroidism), any allergies.

This drug may make you drowsy; use caution engaging in activities requiring alertness such as driving or using machinery. Avoid alcoholic beverages.

Caution is advised when using this drug in the elderly because they may be more sensitive to the side effects of the drug. The elderly are more susceptible to developing a type of electrolyte imbalance (hyponatremia), especially if they are also taking "water pills" or diuretics with this medication.

Caution is advised when using this drug in children because they may be more sensitive to the side effects of the drug, especially loss of appetite and weight loss. It is important to monitor weight and growth in children who are taking this drug.

This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor.

It is not known whether this drug passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

#### DRUG INTERACTIONS

Certain medications taken with this product could result in serious, even fatal, drug interactions. Avoid taking MAO inhibitors (e.g., furazolidone, isocarboxazid, linezolid, moclobemide, phenelzine, procarbazine, selegiline, transleypromine) within 2 weeks before or after treatment with this medication. Consult your doctor or pharmacist for additional information.

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# Continued Monograph For 01962817 (Zoloft)

This drug should also not be used with the following medications because very serious interactions may occur: pimozide, weight loss drugs (e.g., sibutramine, phentermine), tryptophan, terfenadine, astemizole, dihydroergotamine.

If you are currently using any of these medications, tell your doctor or pharmacist before starting sertraline.

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription products you may use, especially of: warfarin, lithium, tricyclic anti-depressants (e.g., amitriptyline), other SSRI anti-depressants (e.g., citalopram, fluvoxamine), nefazodone, venlafaxine, propafenone, flecainide, "triptan" migraine drugs (e.g., sumatriptan), carbamazepine, thioridazine, trazodone, ayahuasca, St. John's wort, clozapine, tramadol, melatonin, dextromethorphan, meperidine, buspirone.

Other drugs besides sertraline which may affect the heart rhythm (QTc prolongation in the EKG) include dofetilide, quinidine, sotalol, procainamide, and sparfloxacin among others. QTc prolongation can infrequently result in serious, rarely fatal, irregular heartbeats. Consult your doctor or pharmacist for details. Ask for instructions about whether you need to stop any other QTc-prolonging drugs you may be using in order to minimize the risk of this effect.

Tell your doctor if you take any drugs that cause drowsiness such as: medicine for sleep (e.g., sedatives), tranquilizers, anti-anxiety drugs (e.g., diazepam), narcotic pain relievers (e.g., codeine), psychiatric medicines (e.g., phenothiazines such as chlorpromazine, or tricyclics such as amitriptyline), anti-seizure drugs (e.g., carbamazepine), muscle relaxants, antihistamines that cause drowsiness (e.g., diphenhydramine).

Check the labels on all your medicines (e.g., cough-and-cold products) because they may contain drowsiness-causing ingredients. Ask your pharmacist about the safe use of those products.

Do not start or stop any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval.

#### **OVERDOSE**

If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately. Symptoms of overdose may include increased heartbeat, dizziness, agitation.

#### **NOTES**

Do not share this medication with others.

Laboratory and/or medical tests should be performed periodically to monitor your progress or check for side effects. Consult your doctor for more details.

#### MISSED DOSE

If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

#### STORAGE

Store at room temperature at 77 degrees F (25 degrees C) away from light and moisture. Brief storage from 59 to 86 degrees F (15 to 30 degrees C) is permitted. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medicines away from children and pets.



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## Benson, Craig R / Prevacid 30mg

BrandName:PREVACID DIN:02165511

LANSOPRAZOLE DELAYED RELEASE - ORAL

(lan-SO-pruh-zole)

#### USES

This medication is a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) used to treat various acid-related stomach and/or throat (esophagus) problems (e.g., acid reflux or GERD, ulcers, erosive esophagitis, Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome). Lansoprazole works by blocking acid production in the stomach.

Lansoprazole may also be used to treat ulcers due to the long-term use of certain drugs for pain or swelling (NSAIDs-nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs). In addition, this medication may be used in combination with antibiotics (e.g., amoxicillin, clarithromycin) to treat certain types of ulcers.

#### **HOW TO USE**

Take this medication by mouth, usually once daily, before a meal; or as directed by your doctor.

Do not crush or chew the capsules. Swallow the capsule(s) whole. If you have difficulty swallowing this medication whole, the capsule may be opened and the contents sprinkled into soft food (e.g., applesauce, cottage cheese, yogurt), or emptied into a small amount (2 oz or 60 ml) of juice and taken as directed. Rinse the container with an additional small amount of juice and drink the contents to make sure the entire dose is taken. Do not chew the food/medication mixture or prepare a supply in advance. Doing so may destroy the drug and/or increase side effects.

Potent acid-reducing medicines such as lansoprazole can decrease the effectiveness of sucralfate, as well as other drugs such as the antifungals ketoconazole and itraconazole. If instructed to take any of these drugs while taking lansoprazole, consult your doctor or pharmacist regarding the proper timing of each dose. For example, if you are instructed to take sucralfate in addition to lansoprazole, it is best to take the lansoprazole at least 30 minutes before your sucralfate.

Antacids may be taken along with this medication, if needed.

The dosage and length of treatment is based on your medical condition and response to therapy.

Use this medication regularly in order to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, use it at the same time each day. Continue to take this medication for the prescribed length of treatment even if you are feeling better.

#### SIDE EFFECTS

Constipation or diarrhea may occur. If any of these effects persist or worsen, notify your doctor or pharmacist promptly.

Tell your doctor immediately if any of these unlikely but serious side effects occur: stomach pain.

An allergic reaction to this drug is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: rash, itching, swelling, dizziness, trouble breathing.

If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: heartburn combined with lightheadedness or sweating or dizziness, chest pain or shoulder/jaw pain especially with shortness of breath, pain spreading to arms or neck or shoulders, unexplained weight loss, liver problems, other stomach problems (e.g., tumors), any allergies (including drug allergies).

This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor.

It is not known whether this drug passes into breast milk. Breast-feeding while using this drug is not recommended.

#### **DRUG INTERACTIONS**

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription products you may use, especially of: theophylline, "blood thinners" (e.g., warfarin), azole antifungals (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole), ampicillin, iron supplements, digoxin, sucralfate, cilostazol, voriconazole.

Do not start or stop any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval.

## **OVERDOSE**

If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

#### **NOTES**

Do not share this medication with others.

Laboratory and/or medical tests may be performed periodically to monitor your progress.

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If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

#### **STORAGE**

Store at room temperature (77 degrees F or 25 degrees C) away from light and moisture. Brief storage between 59 and 86 degrees F (15-30 degrees C) is permitted. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medicines away from children and pets.

# US Drug Patient Information & Interaction materials



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ATORVASTATIN - ORAL (uh-TORE-vuh-stah-tin)

**COMMON BRAND NAME(S): Lipitor** 

USES: Atorvastatin is an enzyme blocker (HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor), also known as a "statin". It is used along with a proper diet to help lower cholesterol and fats (triglycerides) in the blood, in general, this drug is prescribed after non-drug treatment options have not been fully successful at lowering cholesterol (e.g., diet change, increase in exercise, weight loss if overweight). Reducing cholesterol and triglycerides help prevent strokes and heart attacks. Atorvastatin is used in adults and children (10 years of age and older). Young girls must have had their first menstrual period before starting this medication.

HOW TO USE: Take this medication by mouth usually once daily with or without food, or as directed by your doctor. This drug is best taken in the evening. Dosage is based on your medical condition, response to therapy, and use of certain interacting medicines. Many of the drugs listed in the Drug Interactions section may increase the chances of muscle injury when used with atorvastatin. Consult your doctor or pharmacist for more details. Avoid eating grapefruit or drinking grapefruit juice while being treated with this medication unless your doctor instructs you otherwise. Grapefruit juice can increase the amount of certain medications in your bloodstream. Consult your doctor or pharmacist for more details. If you also take certain other drugs to lower your cholesterol (bile acid-binding resins such as cholestyramine or colestipol), take atorvastatin at least 2 hours after these medications. Use this medication regularly in order to get the most benefit from it. Remember to use it at the same time each day. It may take up to 4 weeks before the full benefit of this drug takes effect. It is important to continue taking this medication even if you feel well. Most people with high cholesterol or triglyberides do not feel sick.

SIDE EFFECTS: Headache, diarrhea, stomach/abdominal pain, or joint pain may occur. If any of these effects persist or worsen, notify your doctor or pharmacist promptly. This drug may infrequently cause muscle damage (which can rarely lead to a very serious, possibly fatal, condition called rhabdomyolysis). Stop taking this drug and tell your doctor immediately if you develop: muscle pain/tenderness/weakness (especially with fever or unusual tiredness). Tell your doctor immediately if any of these highly unlikely but very serious side effects occur: yellowing eyes and skin, dark urine, severe fatigue, severe stomach/abdominal pain, persistent nausea, change in the amount of urine. A serious allergic reaction to this drug is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction include: rash, itching, swelling, dizziness, trouble breathing. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

PRECAUTIONS: This medication should not be used if you have certain medical conditions. Before using this medicine, consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have: active liver disease, Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: heart disease, history of liver disease, kidney disease, underactive thyroid inportiviolism), diabetes (poorly controlled), alcohol use, any allergies (especially to other "statins"). The rare development of severe muscle damage (see Side Effects) can infrequently lead to serious kidney problems. This medication is usually temporarily stopped if you have any condition which can increase your risk of developing kidney problems. Before stopping your medication, notify your doctor immediately if you have any of the following conditions: major surgery, trauma, serious illness (e.g., sepsis, severe metabolic/endocrine/electrolyte disorders), very low blood pressure, uncontrolled seizures. Limit alcoholic beverages. Daily use of alcohol may increase your chance for serious side effects. Caution is advised when using this drug in the elderly because they may be more sensitive to the side effects of the drug, especially muscle damage. This medication must not be used during pregnancy. If you become pregnant or think you may be pregnant, inform your doctor immediately. It is recommended that young girls and women of child-bearing age use effective birth control measures to prevent pregnancy while taking this drug. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding is not recommended while using this drug. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

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OVERDOSE: If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

NOTES: Do not share this medication with others. Laboratory and/or medical tests (e.g., blood cholesterol levels, liver function tests) should be performed periodically to monitor your progress or check for side effects. Consult your doctor for more details. For best results, this medication should be used along with exercise, a low-cholesterolllow-fat diet, and a weight loss program if you are overweight. Also to help reduce your risk of heart attacks and strokes, check your blood pressure regularly, seek medical treatment if your blood pressure is high, and stop smoking. Consult your doctor for more details.

MISSED DOSE: If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

STORAGE: Store at room temperature between 68 and 77 degrees F (20 to 25 degrees C) away from light and moisture. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medicines away from children and pets.

Keep Out of Reach of Children IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER: The side effects listed above are not all of the possible risks that could be caused by this medication. For further information, please consult with your physician about the uses, precautions, and risks of this medication specific to your health. This information is obtained from First DataBank for use as an educational aid.



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METFORMIN HCL 850MG TABLET MYL TAKE 1 TABLET EVERY DAY

METFORMIN - ORAL (met-FOR-min) COMMON BRAND NAME(S): Glucophage

WARNING: Metformin can rarely cause a condition called lactic acidosis, which can be fatal. Seek immediate medication attention if you develop any of the following symptoms of lactic acidosis: unusual tiredness (fatigue) or severe drowsiness, cold skin, muscle pain, breathing trouble or rapid breathing, unusually slow or irregular heartbeat. Lactic acidosis is more likely to occur in patients who have: kidney or liver disease, conditions that may cause a low oxygen blood level or poor circulation (e.g., severe congestive heart failure, recent attack, recent stroke), excessive alcohol use, a lack of body fluids (dehydration), X-ray or scanning procedures that require an injectable iodinated contrast drug, surgery, or a serious infection. Also at higher risk are those who are elderly, especially if you are over 80 years of age and have not had kidney and liver tests.

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USES: This medication is a biguanide-type medicine that is used along with a diet and exercise program to control high blood sugar in diabetic patients. This medication works by helping to restore your body's proper response to the insulin you naturally produce, and by decreasing the amount of sugar that your liver makes and that your stomachlintestines absorb. Controlling high blood sugar helps prevent heart disease, strokes, kidney disease, blindness and circulation problems, as well as decreased sexual ability (impotence).

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HOW TO USE: This medication is best taken by mouth with meals. Drink plenty of fluids while taking this medication. Use this medication regularly in order to get the most benefit from it. Remember to use it at the same time(s) each day. Your dosage is based on your medical condition and response to therapy. This medication may come with a Patient Information Leaflet. Read it carefully and ask your doctor or pharmacist any questions you may have about your medication.

SIDE EFFECTS: Also see Warning section. Nausea, stomach upset, diarrhea or metallic taste may occur initially as your body adjusts to the medication. If stomach symptoms recur later lafter you are on the same dose for several days or weeks), tell your doctor immediately. A late recurrence of stomach symptoms may be due to lactic acidosis. This medication usually does not cause low blood sugar (hypoglycerria), but this effect may occur if you do not consume enough calories (from food, juices, fruit, etc.). The symptoms include chills, cold sweat, distrings, tingling of the hands or feet, or hunger. It is a good habit to carry glucose tablets or get to treat low blood sugar. If you are in a situation where you don't have these reliable forms of glucose, out a quick source of sugar such as table sugar, honey, or candy, or drink a glass of orange juice or non-diet sode to quickly raise your blood sugar level. Tell your doctor immediately about the reaction. To help prevent hypoglycemia, eat meals on a regular schedule and do not skip meals. Symptoms of high blood sugar (hyperglycemia) include thirst, increased urination, confusion, drow siness, flushing, rapid breathing, or fruty breath odor. If these symptoms occur, tell your doctor immediately. Your medication dosage may need to be increased an aircric reaction to this drug is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs.

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PRECAUTIONS: This medication should not be used if you have certain medical conditions. Before using this medicine, consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have; kidney disease, fiver disease, conditions that may cause a low oxygen blood level or poor circulation (e.g., severe congestive heart failure, recent theart attack, recent stroke), metabolic acidosis (e.g., disbetic ketoacidosis), senous infection, lack of body fluids (dehydration). Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: severe breathing problems (e.g., obstructive lung disease, severe asthmal, blood problems (e.g., anema, vitamin B-12 deficiency), scheduled upcoming surgery, scheduled upcoming surgery, scheduled upcoming surgery, scheduled upcoming surgery, it may be more difficult to control your blood sugar. Consult your doctor, as a change in your medication may be required. This medication can cause changes in the menstrual cycle (promote ovulation) in women with certain fertility problems, increasing the risk of becoming pregnant. Consult your doctor or pharmacist about the use of reliable birth control while using this medication. Caution is advised when using this drug in the elderly because they may be more sensitive to the effects of the drug. This medication should be used only when clearly, needed during pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. It is not known whether this drug passes into breast milk. Breast-feeding is not recommended while using this drug.

ORUG INTERACTIONS: Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription products you may use, especially of: birth control pills, high blood pressure drugs (beta-blockers such as propranolol, calcium channel blockers such as nifedipine, ACE inhibitors such as captopril, cimetidine, clorriphene, corticosteroids (e.g., prednisone), decongestants, other diabetes drugs (e.g., glyburide, insulin), estrogens, fenugraek, ginseng, isoniazid, niacin, phenothiazines (e.g., chlorpromazine), phenytoin, thyroid drugs, "water pills" (diuratics such as hydrochlorothiazide, furosemide). If you are scheduled to undergo any x-ray or scanning procedure using injectable iodinated contrast material, be sure to inform your doctor that you are taking this medication. You will need to temporarily stop this medication around the time of your procedure. Consult your doctor for further instructions. Do not start or stop any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval.

OVERDOSE: If overdose is suspected, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately. Symptoms of overdose may include: rapid or trouble breathing, severe drowsiness, slow or irregular heartbeat.

NOTES: Do not share this medication with others. It is recommended you attend a diabetes education program to understand diabetes and all the important aspects of its treatment including meals/diet, exercise, personal hygiene, medications and getting regular eye, foot, and medical exams. Consult your doctor or pharmacist. Keep all medical appointments. Laboratory and/or medical tests (e.g., liver and kidney function tests, fasting blood glucose, hemoglobin A1c, complete blood counts) will be performed to monitor for side effects and response to therapy. Regularly check your blood or urine for sugar, as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

MISSED DOSE: If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

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Pharmacy #0482 Rx 563287 - 00

**Drug Name:** DILANTIN CAP 100MG **GENERIC NAME:** PHENYTOIN (FEN-i-toyn)

**COMMON USES:** This medicine is an anticonvulsant used to treat seizures. It may also be used to treat other conditions as determined by your doctor.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICINE: Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor. SWALLOW WHOLE. Do not break, crush, or chew before swallowing. TAKE THIS MEDICINE with food if it upsets your stomach. TAKE EACH DOSE AT THE SAME TIME with respect to meals. STORE THIS MEDICINE at room temperature, away from heat and light. IF YOU MISS A DOSE OF THIS MEDICINE AND YOUR SCHEDULE IS 1 DOSE A DAY, take the missed dose as soon as remembered unless you do not remember until the next day. IN THAT CASE, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule the following day. IF YOU ARE TAKING MORE THAN 1 DOSE A DAY, take the missed dose as soon as possible unless it is within 4 hours of the next dose. In that case, skip the missed dose and resume your usual schedule. Do not take more than 2 doses at once. If you miss more than 2 doses in a row, miss doses for 2 or more days in a row, or you have questions about the dose, check with your doctor as soon as possible.

CAUTIONS: DO NOT STOP TAKING THIS MEDICINE without first checking with your doctor. TO PREVENT SEIZURES, continue taking this medicine on a regular schedule. BEFORE YOU HAVE ANY MEDICAL OR DENTAL TREATMENTS, EMERGENCY CARE, OR SURGERY, tell the doctor or dentist that you are using this medicine. BEFORE YOU BEGIN TAKING ANY NEW MEDICINE either prescription or over-the-counter, check with your doctor or

pharmacist. This includes medicine that contains folic acid. DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL while you are taking this medicine unless you have discussed it with your doctor. THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE drowsiness or blurred vision. Do not drive, operate machinery, or do anything else that could be dangerous until you know how you react to this medicine. THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE changes in your gums. Brush and floss your teeth on a regular schedule and have regular dental check-ups. FOR WOMEN TAKING BIRTH CONTROL PILLS, this medicine may decrease the effectiveness of your birth control pill. To prevent pregnancy, use an additional form of birth control while you are taking this medicine. FOR WOMEN: THIS MEDICINE HAS BEEN SHOWN TO CAUSE HARM to the human fetus. IF YOU PLAN ON BECOMING PREGNANT, discuss with your doctor the benefits and risks of using this medicine during pregnancy. THIS MEDICINE IS EXCRETED IN BREAST MILK. DO NOT BREAST-FEED while taking this i a medicine. 124

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS: SIDE EFFECTS, that may go away during treatment include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, or drowsiness. If they continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor. CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY if you experience skin rash; swollen glands; bleeding, swollen, or tender gums; yellowish discoloration of skin or eyes; joint pain; fever or sore throat; unusual bruising or bleeding; slurred speech; stuttering; blurred or double vision; back and forth eye movements; clumsiness or unsteadiness; or staggering walk. AN ALLERGIC REACTION to this medicine is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include rash, ithching, swelling, dizziness, or trouble breathing. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

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Pharmacy #0482 Rx 563288 - 00

Drug Name: NEURONTIN CAP 300MG

GENERIC NAME: GABAPENTIN (GA-ba-pen-tin)

**COMMON USES:** This medicine is an anticonvulsant used to treat seizures associated with epilepsy. It may also be used to treat pain due to abnormal nerve stimulation (neuropathic pain) and nerve pain associated with herpes zoster infection. It may also be used to treat other conditions as determined by your doctor.

HOW TO USE THIS MEDICINE: Follow the directions for using this medicine provided by your doctor. THIS MEDICINE MAY BE TAKEN on an empty stomach or with food. DO NOT TAKE THIS MEDICINE within 2 hours of taking an aluminum- or magnesium-containing antacid. STORE THIS MEDICINE at room temperature in a tightly-closed container, away from heat and light. IF YOU MISS A DOSE OF THIS MEDICINE, take it as soon as possible. If it is less than 2 hours until your next dose, take the missed dose immediately and take your next dose 1 to 2 hours later, then go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do NOT take 2 doses at once.

CAUTIONS: DO NOT STOP TAKING THIS MEDICINE without first discussing with your doctor. THIS MEDICINE MAY CAUSE DROWSINESS or dizziness. THIS MEDICINE WILL ADD TO THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL and other depressants. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have questions. DO NOT DRIVE, OPERATE MACHINERY, OR DO

dangerous tasks. BEFORE YOU BEGIN TAKING ANY NEW MEDICINE, either prescription or over-the-counter, check with your doctor or pharmacist. FOR WOMEN: IF YOU PLAN ON BECOMING PREGNANT, discuss with your doctor the benefits and risks of using this medicine during pregnancy. THIS MEDICINE IS EXCRETED IN BREAST MILK. IF YOU ARE OR WILL BE BREAST-FEEDING while taking this medicine, check with your doctor or pharmacist to discuss the benefits and risks to your baby.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS: SIDE EFFECTS that may occur while taking this medicine include tiredness, drowsiness, dizziness, tremor, back pain, dry mouth, constipation, increased appetite, or an upset stomach. If they continue or are bothersome, check with your doctor. CHECK WITH YOUR DOCTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you experience decreased coordination, changes in vision (double or blurred vision), back and forth eye rhovements, persistent sore throat or fever, swelling of ankles, mental or mood changes, memory loss, or trouble speaking. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

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